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Lake Roosevelt NRA Draft Livestock Management Plan And Environmental Assessment (LMPEA)

Lake Roosevelt National Recreation Area announces that the above draft document is available for public review and comment for the period of August 23, 2004 through October 7, 2004. The National Park Service encourages the public to access the document online through the park's website: http://www.nps.gov/laro/management.htm.

The purpose of the Lake Roosevelt NRA Draft LMPEA is to manage grazing activities that were specifically authorized by federal law in 2001 in a manner that is consistent with the National Park Service mission and policies, and the park's purposes. This plan is only relevant to the land within Lake Roosevelt National Recreation Area.

Several issues were identified during the scoping process. The issues this plan addresses includes water access and water quality, noxious weeds, visitor use conflicts, shoreline and wetland preservation, sublease of special use permits, fencing, and timing of grazing and duration of use.

The Draft LMPEA involves analysis of three alternatives: the No Action Alternative, Moderately Manage Grazing Activities, and the Proposed Action Alternative.

To comment on the Draft LMPEA a link on the park's home page will direct you to the PEPC (Planning, Environment and Public Comment) program. Lake Roosevelt National Recreation Area is piloting this program which is an online tool dedicated to facilitating the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process. The public can access planning documents, print them, and make comments online.

To request a hard copy of the document or submit comments via regular mail, please contact: Lake Roosevelt National Recreation Area, Attention: Livestock Management, 1008 Crest Drive, Coulee Dam, WA 99116, (509) 633-9441, ext. 110.

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